

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-18 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 4-5, 13-14 and 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,473,191 (hereinafter, "Kohno").

Applicant respectfully submits that Kohno fails to disclose or suggest, inter alia, the claimed apparatus name information storing unit. In the Final Office Action, the Examiner alleges that "the printing apparatus (101) . . . extracts the model type (monochrome printer or color printer) of the printing apparatus stored in the storing unit (106)" corresponds to the claimed apparatus name information. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The specific section of Kohno referred to by the Examiner discloses (column 4, lines 54-65):

Upon receiving the command, **the printing apparatus 101** (or more specifically, the CPU 105 serving as the processing and control means) responds to the inquiry by sensing the type of mounted ink cartridge via the ink-cartridge type sensing unit 110, **extracts the model type of the printing apparatus stored in the ROM 106** as well as information specifying the printing processing program currently stored in the RAM 107, and transmits the type of ink cartridge, the apparatus model information and the information specifying the processing program to the host computer 102 in a suitable format via the bidirectional interface.

Nowhere in Kohno is there any mention of the ROM 106 storing the model type for both a monochrome printer and a color printer, whereas claim 1 recites an apparatus name information storing unit which stores a plurality of apparatus name information.

Rather, the Office Action provides is no basis in fact or technical reasoning or both to reasonably support the determination that a ROM 106 storing a plurality of apparatus name information necessarily flows from the teachings of Kohno. See MPEP § 2112 (IV). Therefore,

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the claimed apparatus name information storing unit cannot be characterized as being explicitly or inherently disclosed by Kohno.

Applicant further submits that in Kohno, the printing apparatus 101 transmits a printing apparatus mode code and a code indicating the type of ink cartridge. See col. 4, lines 43-65. The code indicating the type of ink cartridge is determined based on the detecting result of the ink-cartridge type sensing unit 110 and the printing apparatus mode code does not change according to the structure of the printing apparatus. This deficiency of Kohno further shows that Kohno does not disclose or suggest claim 1.

Claims 13 and 14, which depend from claim 1, are patentable for at least the reasons submitted for claim 1.

For reasons similar to those submitted for claim 1 and for the reasons submitted in the Amendment of April 11, 2006, claims 4, 5, 16, 17 and 18 are patentable.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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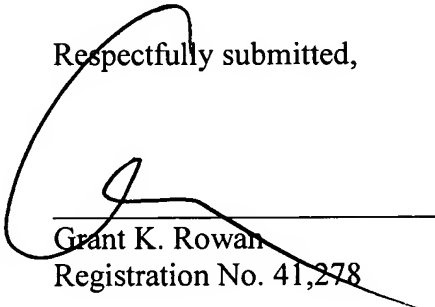
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